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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/7/2007.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2-7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1 and 8-15 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 4/2/2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1 and 8-10 in the reply filed on 6/7/2007 is acknowledged.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: A METHOD FOR FORMING A HEAT DISSIPATION DEVICE WITH CONTACT HEAT PIPE.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1 and 8-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

5. Claim 1, line 5, the limitation "heat pipe" is unclear as to whether the applicant is claiming a single piece of a pipe/tube or is claiming an assembly which is known in the art as the "heat pipe" that also includes a tube.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1 and 8-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kalloch, Jr. (US 1,787,942).

As applied to claims 1 and 8-10, Kalloch Jr. teaches a method for forming a heat transfer device for dissipating heat comprising the steps of:

arranging a plurality of fins (2, Fig. 1) that are formed with openings collar raised around at least part of the opening (apertures 3 with flange 4, Fig. 2) that substantially align with one another so as to define a die;

driving (page 2, lines 3-10) a heat pipe comprising a thermally conductive envelope (tube 1 made of copper including a thermally conductive envelope, page 1, lines 92-93) into said die so as to deform said envelope thereby forming at least one flattened surface and wherein an outside shape of said thermally conductive envelope is complementary with said openings (Fig. 4); and

substantially exclusively supporting said fins upon said thermally conductive envelope such that said thermally conductive envelope substantially defines a mounting base for said heat transfer device, and is attachable to a heat source for thermal energy exchange with said heat source (Fig. 4).

Note the forming surface (inside of the apertures 3, Figs. 2-4) defined by the plurality of fins (Fig. 1) is used while driving the thermally conductive envelope by means of mandrel (6) in order to change the outside shape of the heat pipe (1).

Regarding the limitations "defines a mounting base" and 'attachable to a heat source", note that a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim. Thus, Kalloch, Jr. is capable of performing the intended use and therefore meets the claimed invention.

As applied to claims 11 & 12, Kalloch Jr. teaches the invention cited including forming a stack of spaced-apart fin from substantially parallel flat sheets (Fig. 1, page 1, lines 93-95).

As applied to claim 13, Kalloch Jr. teaches the invention cited including deforming the thermally conductive envelope by contact with the fins (Fig. 4).

As applied to claim 14, Kalloch Jr. teaches the invention cited including aligning the openings in the fins to define a channel, and wherein the channel has a reduction in channel width for at least partially defining the outside shape of the heat pipe (Fig. 1, page 1, lines 54-59).

As applied to claim 15, Kalloch Jr. teaches the invention cited including forming the conductive envelope to define an oval cross-section having a flattened surface on at least one side Fig. 4, page 2, lines 4-6).

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sarang Afzali whose telephone number is 571-272-8412. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on 571-272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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